

II. CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic system comprising:

a first electronic device comprising means for implementing a virtual noticeboard, and first radio means for implementing data transmission transmitting information from the virtual noticeboard to a second portable electronic device, and the context in the virtual notice board is arranged to be transmitted to the second portable electronic device located within a geographically limited coverage area of the first radio means; and

~~at least one said~~ second portable electronic device comprising second radio means for implementing the data transmission transmitting information from the virtual noticeboard to the second portable electronic device, means for processing information received from the virtual noticeboard and selecting means for selecting the reception of the virtual noticeboard;

wherein the first electronic device is portable user equipment in a mobile telephone system, the first radio means is arranged to implement data transmission with regard to the virtual noticeboard such that a new message, a reply and/or a comment is received from the second portable electronic device, and the means for implementing the virtual noticeboard is arranged to display the new messages, the reply and/or the comment in the virtual noticeboard.

2 - 11.(Cancelled)

12. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second device is portable user equipment in the mobile telephone system.

13. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the radio means are a short-range radio transceiver or a radio transceiver in the mobile telephone system.

14. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein as a protocol, the radio means use a short message service, WAP (Wireless Application Protocol), wireless local area network, GSM data call or GPRS (General Packet Radio Service), or another wireless radio system protocol.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the virtual noticeboard is bound to the first electronic device.

17. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the virtual noticeboard is a personal noticeboard of the user of the first device.

18. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the selecting means are arranged to show the noticeboards received by the second radio means, to select the noticeboards desired by the user, and to request the first device to transmit the selected piece of information from the noticeboard.

19. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first device comprises means for automatically transmitting information on the noticeboard to all second devices located in the coverage area.

20. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 19, wherein the selecting means are used for selecting whether or not to receive the information on the noticeboard automatically transmitted by the first device.

21. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 19, wherein the first device comprises means for determining whether to automatically include contact information in the information transmitted to the second devices or whether to keep the source of information anonymous.

22. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 19, wherein the second device comprises means for determining whether to include contact information in the reply information transmitted to the first device or whether to keep the second device anonymous.

23. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 19, wherein the first device comprises means for calculating how many times a certain piece of information has been retrieved from its virtual noticeboard.

24. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 19, wherein the second device comprises means for transmitting the information retrieved from the virtual noticeboard of the first device to the application processing the information.

25. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the application processing the information is communication software enabling data transmission from the second device with a party determined in the retrieved information.

26. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the information on the noticeboard of the first device is only transmitted to such second devices which meet predetermined conditions for use.

27. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the conditions for use are based on membership in a group or on a particular user profile.

28. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transmitted information on the noticeboard is text and/or voice and/or images and/or moving video image.

29. (Original) A system as claimed claim 1, wherein the context, in addition to location, also comprises time.

30. (Previously Presented) A method of using a virtual noticeboard, comprising:

implementing the virtual noticeboard in a first electronic device;

transmitting on a radio connection implemented by first radio means of the first electronic device, information from the virtual noticeboard of the first electronic device to be processed by at least one second portable electronic device;

arranging the context in the contents of the virtual noticeboard to be transmitted to the second portable electronic device located within a geographically limited coverage area of first radio means;

selecting, in the second portable electronic device, a receiving mode of the virtual noticeboard;

transmitting, on a radio connection, data transmission with regard to the virtual noticeboard such that a new message, reply and/or a comment is received in the first device from the second portable electronic device; and

display the new message, the reply and/or the comment in the virtual noticeboard;

wherein the first device is portable user equipment in a mobile telephone system.

31 – 39. (Cancelled)

40. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the second device is portable user equipment in the mobile telephone system.

41. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the radio means are a short-range radio transceiver or a radio transceiver in the mobile telephone system.

42. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 30, wherein as a protocol, the radio means use a short message service, WAP (Wireless Application Protocol), wireless local area network, GSM data call or GPRS (General Packet Radio Service), or another wireless radio system protocol.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the virtual noticeboard is bound to the first electronic device.

45. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 44, wherein the virtual noticeboard is a personal noticeboard of the user of the first device.

46. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the selection of a receiving mode comprises:

showing, in the second device, the noticeboards received by the radio means of the second device,

selecting the noticeboards desired by the user; and

requesting the first device to transmit the selected piece of information from the noticeboard.

47. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the first device automatically transmits information on the noticeboard to all second devices located in the coverage area.

48. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the user of the second device selects whether or not to receive the information on the noticeboard automatically transmitted by the first device.

49. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the first device is used for determining whether to automatically include contact information in the information transmitted to the second devices or whether to keep the source of information anonymous.

50. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the second device is used for determining whether to include contact information in the reply information transmitted to the first device or whether to keep the second device anonymous.

51. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the first device is used for calculating how many times a certain piece of information has been retrieved from its virtual noticeboard.

52. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the second device is used for transmitting the information retrieved from the virtual noticeboard of the first device to the application processing the information.

53. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 52, wherein the application processing the information is communication software, and a data transmission connection is established with a party determined in the retrieved information.

54. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the information on the noticeboard of the first device is only transmitted to such second devices which meet predetermined conditions for use.

55. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 54, wherein the conditions for use are based on membership in a group or on a particular user profile.

56. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the transmitted information on the noticeboard is text and/or voice and/or images and/or moving video image.

57. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the context, in addition to location, also comprises time.

58. (Previously Presented) An electronic device comprising:

means for implementing a virtual noticeboard;

radio means for implementing data transmission transmitting information from the virtual noticeboard to a second portable electronic device; and

the context in the virtual noticeboard is arranged to be transmitted to the second portable electronic device located within a geographically limited coverage area of the first radio means ;

wherein the electronic device is portable user equipment in a mobile telephone system, the radio means is arranged to implement data transmission with regard to the virtual noticeboard such that a new message, a reply and/or a comment is received from the second portable electronic device and the means for implementing the virtual noticeboard is arranged to display the new message, the reply and/or the comment in the virtual noticeboard .

59 - 112. (Cancelled)